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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Linda Broyles R.N., Chair/Jim Marugg, Vice-Chair

Minutes

Thursday, April 11, 2013

Members Present

Broyles, R.N., Linda – County Paramedic Agencies Committee
Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hospital Association of S.D. & Imperial Counties
Marugg, Jim – Ambulance Association of S.D. County
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District 2
Ochs, Ginger – San Diego County Paramedic Agencies Committee (Alt)
Rice, Mike – San Diego County Ambulance Association
Wells, R.N., Christine – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators

Attendees

Forman R.N., Kelly – Mercy Air
Hudnet, R.N., Carlen – Rural Metro
Workman, Debi – Paramedic Training Agency

County Staff

Conte, R.N., Meredith
Eldridge, Brett
Pate R.N., Rebecca
Smith, R.N., Susan

Recorder

Wolchko, Janet

Border Health
California Children Services
Community Epidemiology
Emergency & Disaster Medical Services
HIV, STD and Hepatitis
Immunization
MAA/TCM Program
Maternal, Child and Family Health Services
Public Health Laboratory
Public Health Nursing
Tuberculosis Control & Refugee Health
Vital Records

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Linda Broyles, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:07 am. Attendees introduced themselves.

Rebecca Pate announced that this was her last meeting. She is going to work at Palomar Hospital.

Carlen Hudnet announced that she is going to work at Sharp.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Jim Marugg, seconded by Mary Meadows-Pitt to approve the minutes of February 14, 2013. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions.

IV. OFF-LOAD ISSUES

- A. The Nevada State Bill regarding regulations on offloads was forwarded after the last subcommittee meeting. Christine Wells, Susan Smith and Meredith Conte requested that the document be sent to them.
- B. Ginger Ochs reported that there were 2,060 Advanced Life Support (ALS) transports, 230 were over 30 minutes delay. The longest delay was one (1) hour and 13 Minutes, 30 percent of the transports were less than 30 minutes. Reports are sent monthly to Grossmont, Mercy, Sharp and Scripps La Jolla by request.

Discussion:

- Contacting the charge nurse.
- Notifying the Battalion Chief if there is a delay over 30 minutes.
- Hospitals going on bypass.

V. POLICIES FOR REVIEW

- A. Waiting for Ambulance Ordinance approval before forwarding Policies S-830, S-833, N-840 and N-841 to the full EMCC.
- B. S-831, Permit Appeal Process. Ambulance permitting policy will be reviewed by the Ambulance Association before it is presented at the EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee. The policy will include information regarding permits that are denied and the waiting period before they can resubmit for a permit.
- C. The Fireline Medic policy will go to Base Station Physician's Committee (BSPC) next week.

- D. Policy A-200, Air Medical Treatment Protocol-Introduction regarding the protocols for air ambulances will move to the 400 section as a medical control policy. The policy will have information regarding a potential second air ambulance provider. It will also be reviewed and approved by BSPC. Dr. Haynes currently reviews Mercy Air's treatment protocol every two years. Air Treatment Protocols A-204 to A-273 will be deleted.

E. New Policies:

1. S-834, BLS First Responder Inventory

- Suction catheter and sizes were changed to a minimum of two (2) sizes, 10 and 18, 1 each. Suction catheter, tonsil tip, minimum changed from three (3) to two (2).
- Thermometer minimum changed to one (1).

A motion was made by Mary Meadows-Pitt, seconded by Debi Workman to accept the changes and forward policy S-834 to the full EMCC.

Discussion:

- Adding Ribbon Kits to MCI triage tags.
- Removing infant from the list of minimum blood pressure manometer and cuff.
- Tourniquets and pediatric transport devices, and infant and neonate bag-valve mask/nebulizer.

By previous motion and second, policy S-834, BLS First Responder Inventory, will be forwarded to the full EMCC for review and approval. Motion carried.

2. A-878, Air Ambulance Inventory

- Policy: FAA requires a First Aid Kit
- Basic Life Support (BLS) equipment:
 - Added a list of protective equipment under personal protective equipment.
 - Add or equivalent to Emesis basin.
 - Removed bedpan and urinal.
 - Obstetrical kit change to one.
 - Remove cool packs and warming packs.
 - Moved Mark 1 kit or equivalent to optional.
- ALS equipment:
 - Discussion on ventilator, endotracheal tube sizes and feeding tubes.
 - Add adult and pediatric to laryngoscope.
 - Add or equivalent to oxygen cylinder w/wall outlet (H or M).
 - Remove some of the sizes of Suction Catheters, keep sizes 8, 12 and 18.
 - Approved Intraosseous (IO) devices and gauges, leave 15, 25 and 45 mm gauge, 2 each.
 - Identify defibrillator pads as pediatric and adult, one (1) each.

- Remove “Packs” from list.
- Changed Foley catheter to drainage bag or equivalent.
- Change pediatric drug chart to agency protocol reference book.
- Remove communication items, laminated protocols.
- Change Bougie and mesh hood from optional items to mandatory.
- Discussion on minimum replaceable medications included: morphine; glucose tabs (are not carried); list Hydralazine with Apresoline; Lidocaine; Amiodarone, 300 mg minimum; epinephrine minimum; add Ketamine. Remove Nitroprusside and Phenobabital, and Verapamil. Concentrations and minimum amounts and dosage were discussed.
- Add pediatric immobilization device and Heimlich Flutter Valve to other equipment.
- Airway adjuncts: add portable suction equipment adult and pediatric, adult capable; add advance alternate airway, i.e. scalpel and Shiley™ Tracheostomy tube.

A motion was made by Debi Workman, seconded by Ginger Ochs to have the changes to A-878, Air Ambulance Inventory, sent to Kelly Foreman for review and send the documents to the EMCC subcommittee before the draft is forwarded to the full EMCC. Motion carried.

VI. STAFF REPORT

A. EMS Staffing Changes

1. April 22, 2013, Sue Dickinson, from Palomar will be taking Ruth Duke’s position duties including AED’s and SART.
2. Meredith Conte will be the base hospital liaison.
3. Susan Smith will be covering the agencies.

B. There are continued drug shortages of D50. A letter on alternative options to using D50 has been sent out. Susan Smith will resend the letter to the committee.

C. Policy/protocol date of completion will be the end of May.

VII. SET NEXT MEETING /ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2013 at Emergency Medical Services, 6255 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego, CA 92120.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 am.

Submitted by

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